

Services Division

Committee on China

Committee Minutes - 167th Meeting - 8 April 1958 25X1A9a

D/S Representative [REDACTED]

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Guests: [REDACTED]

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1. Messrs. [REDACTED]

discussed the recent meeting of the Association for Asian Studies held in New York 1-3 April. It was reported that much progress has been made by the Association in devoting more attention to contemporary problems. Economic matters are now receiving more attention instead of history and politics. It is felt that at present the academic world has not begun to analyze in depth to the degree prevalent in CIA but that improvement is being made and that all would benefit if there were some way possible to give guidance to the scholars.

2. The question of frequency of committee meetings was discussed. It was agreed that the meetings should be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month beginning in May. Special meetings for items of unusual interest will be called in addition to the regular meetings when appropriate. Notice of the special meetings will be sent by mail or given by telephone.

3. The Chinese Communists have announced that oil has been discovered in central Szechwan between Ch'eng-tu and Chungking. Gas wells have been producing in Szechwan Province for some time but this is the first discovery of oil known although prospecting has been going on for some years. The details of the discovery are not yet known.

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[REDACTED], called attention to an article in the [REDACTED] on commercial shipbuilding in Dairen. It appears that Dairen may be developing into the main, and perhaps only, shipyard in China building ocean-going vessels. Shanghai seems to be concentrating on vessels for inland waterways. By the end of the Second Five Year Plan, if not before, Dairen could turn out annually 7-8 vessels of 10,000 deadweight tons each.

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5. Mr. [REDACTED] A/F, commented on the current status of the NIE on China.

NOTICE:

Effective 1 May 1958 the Committee will meet only on the first and third Tuesdays of each month except for special meetings to be called for matters of unusual interest. There will be no meeting on 15 April.

AGENDA:

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22 April - [REDACTED], S/OM, will discuss the recent reorganization of economic ministries in Communist China. Room 1121, M, at 1400

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